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TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: January 11, 1960

FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet 10/16/59.

As you are aware, there has not been an opportunity to date to institute the program against Helen Sobell and her work for captioned committee which was the subject of relet. The Bureau is still keenly interested in the possibilities of this action and still feels that effective steps can be taken to neutralize her work.

Each office should advise the Bureau by return mail of current information indicating Helen Sobell's itinerary insofar as this itinerary is known. New York should remain particularly alert to any information which would shed light on her future activities. Los Angeles should continue to maintain close contact with [redacted] in an effort to obtain the desired information in this letter. b7D

The success of this operation will depend entirely upon the development of Helen Sobell's future itinerary in sufficient time to institute effective countermeasures.

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REPORTING OFFICE SAN DIEGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 1/12/60	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/16 - 12/31/59
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		REPORT MADE BY 	TYPED BY AK
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950	

SYNOPSIS XXXXX

The title of this case is marked "changed" inasmuch as that portion of the previous title which read "Aka San Diego Sobell Committee, Morton Sobell Defense Committee, Sobell Defense Committee, San Diego Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" is being deleted in accordance with instructions contained in Bureau letter to Albany dated 11/25/59, captioned "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, IS-C, ISA of 1950".

REFERENCE: Report of SA dated 7/20/59 **bx**
at San Diego.

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LOS ANGELES (INFORMATION)

One copy of instant report is being furnished to Los Angeles for information.

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Will continue to follow and report the activities of the San Diego Sobell Committee which is an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File Number Where Located

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed. "T" symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identity of the informants must be concealed.

This report is classified "confidential" since data reported from [REDACTED] could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise the effectiveness thereof. b2

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Copy to: 1 - DIO, 11th ND, San Diego (REG)
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Report of: [REDACTED] b7c Office: SAN DIEGO
Date: 1/12/60

Field Office File # San Diego: 100-9380 Bureau File # 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

MILTON HENRY LESSNER is Chairman of the San Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC), the San Diego, Calif. affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

[REDACTED]

Various members of the San Diego County Communist Party (SDCCP) and members of the San Diego Branch-Socialist Workers Party (SDB-SWP) attended a breakfast given by SDSC in July, 1959. HELEN SOBELL visited San Diego in August, 1959 and met with certain ministers. At a reception given HELEN SOBELL at LESSNER's home in August, 1959 the SDSC pledged to raise \$300 by December to finance VANZETTI's sister's trip to America.

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DETAILS:

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The San Diego Sobell Committee is the San Diego, California affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

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The Socialist Workers Party (SWP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

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[REDACTED] advised on December 2, 1959 that as of that date MILTON HENRY LESSNER was chairman of the San Diego Sobell Committee, the San Diego, California affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

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[REDACTED] advised on December 2, 1959 that as of that date MILTON HENRY LESSNER was a member of the San Diego County Communist Party (SDCCP) and past literature director of the SDCCP.

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The Communist Party (CP), USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

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[REDACTED] advised on April 24, 1959 that MIRIAM STARCEVIC, former Chairman of the SDCCP, was expelled from the SDCCP. b7D

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[REDACTED] ABE ROBBINS announced that a breakfast would be given at the Community Unitarian Fellowship Hall on July 12, 1959 by the Morton Sobell Defense Committee. b7D

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[REDACTED] ABE ROBBINS reminded members of the July 12, 1959 breakfast to be given by the Sobell Committee at the Community Unitarian Fellowship Hall on North Avenue, San Diego, and asked members donating food for the breakfast to bring it before 9:00 a.m. b7D

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[REDACTED] At a meeting of the SDCCP [REDACTED] MILTON LESSNER asked the party not to let their attitude towards MIRIAM STARCEVIC interfere with the Sobell breakfast the Sobell Committee was giving, and requested that members of the party give the breakfast their support. b7D

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On July 12, 1959 the San Diego Sobell Committee gave a breakfast at the CUF Hall on North Avenue, San Diego.

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As of September 17, 1958 MIRIAM STARCEVIC, JOHN CARPADAKIS, ELSIE and CHARLES JAQUES, and MILTON LESSNER were active members of the SDCCP. b7D

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As of September 4, 1959 JOHN CARPADAKIS, ELSIE and CHARLES JAQUES, and MILTON LESSNER were active members of the SDCCP; and HOWARD and LOLITA GIBSON were inactive members of the SDCCP. b7D

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Informant advised that it was his opinion that ALBA WRIGHT was currently a member of the CP. b7D

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ALBA WRIGHT is currently serving as financial secretary of the National Guardian Club of San Diego. b7D

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[REDACTED] BILL KITT said that he is on a committee of the San Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC) and that they plan to get HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, to speak in September, 1959 for the SDSC. b7D

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HELEN SOBELL is expected to be in San Diego, California on August 30 and 31, 1959; she is expected to contact unknown officials of the San Diego Sobell Committee. b2

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[REDACTED] ABE ROBBINS reported on the Sobell Committee and said that HELEN SOBELL would be in San Diego August 30 and 31, 1959; that HELEN SOBELL had appointments with ministers of San Diego on August 31, 1959; and that during her visit in San Diego, a reception for her would be held at the home of MILTON LESSNER. b7D

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[REDACTED] ANN ZIELINSKI reported on the Sobell Committee and said that HELEN SOBELL was scheduled to meet with ministers with Reverend ALBERT M. SMITH, Trinity Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street, San Diego, on August 31, 1959. ZIELINSKI also stated that a reception for b7D

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HELEN SOBELL would be held at the home of MILTON LESSNER, 4273 Ridgeway, San Diego, in the evening of August 31, 1959.

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On August 31, 1959 ANN ZIELINSKI stated that HELEN SOBELL arrived in San Diego by plane and was met by MILTON LESSNER at the airport. ANN ZIELINSKI said they decided that someone on the Sobell Committee should be with HELEN SOBELL when she met with the ministers at the Reverend ALBERT M. SMITH's church, Trinity Methodist, 3030 Thorn Street, San Diego, California. Accordingly, DON ZIELINSKI drove HELEN SOBELL to the meeting. b7D

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On August 31, 1959 there was a meeting of the SDSC at the home of MILTON LESSNER, 4273 Ridgeway Drive, San Diego. Among others in attendance was HELEN SOBELL. HELEN SOBELL spoke of her visits to her husband in Georgia and how his morale is good and that she hopes to get him out, with the help of others, the first of December. HELEN SOBELL went on to say that that afternoon she had had a good meeting with three ministers in San Diego and that about ten ministers in San Diego had consented to have their names listed as being against her husband's imprisonment and to demand his immediate release. She also stated that writing to the President was not effective but urged that pressure be put on congressmen, senators, and representatives, who in turn would bring effective pressure to bear on the President. b2D

At the meeting, HELEN SOBELL read aloud a letter from VANZETTI's sister; and she, HELEN, told the group that she had answered the letter by inviting VANZETTI's sister to come to this country. According to HELEN SOBELL, VANZETTI's sister will be able to visit the United States any time after January, 1960 and would be happy to do so. Thereafter, the San Diego Sobell Committee made a pledge to raise \$300.00 by December to help finance VANZETTI's sister's trip to America and to also, as HELEN suggested, pay for a companion to travel with her.

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I Remember Distinctly -- A Family Album of the American People 1918-1941 assembled by AGNES ROGERS with running comment by FREDERICK LEWIS ALLEN published by Harper & Brothers Publishers, New York and London, at Page 95 reflects: "In April 1920, a paymaster in South Braintree, Massachusetts, was shot by holdup men; and two Italian-American radicals, NICOLA SACCO and BARTOLOMEO VANZETTI were arrested and soon convicted of the crime. But many people thought they had been railroaded; the case was re-investigated and debated everywhere; the demeanor of VANZETTI in particular was admirable and his statements most impressive; and even after the two men were at last electrocuted on August 22, 1927, millions believed them to have been innocent."

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On September 1, 1959 HELEN SOBELL wrote her husband: "Yesterday was a long day in San Diego and we did many things. I met with a group of ministers and they are going to invite all of the clergymen in the area to join with them. I also had dinner with the UREYS (not further identified) who sent their warmest regards and were wonderfully hospitable."

The October 19, 1959 final edition of The San Diego Union carried an article captioned "Sobell Conviction Unjust, Urey Says", which article reflected that Dr. HAROLD C. UREY spoke at a forum at the First Unitarian Church, 4190 Front Street, San Diego, California, on October 18, 1959. In his speech, UREY stated "I believe an injustice was committed in the case of Sobell. . .The Rosenberg-Sobell trial was worthy of Communist Russia and the evidence brought out during it was very doubtful and uncorroborated by anyone except accomplices of the Rosenbergs. . .He (SOBELL) returned to his home in Mexico City and was accosted by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who forced him into a car and extradited him illegally across the border. The FBI has never denied kidnapping him." According to the article, UREY won the 1934 Nobel Prize in chemistry for his discovery of deuterium, which led to the development of the atomic bomb. He is now a chemistry professor-at-large at the University of California at La Jolla.

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[REDACTED] ABE ROBBINS reported on

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the Sobell Committee. ROBBINS stated that \$87.00 had been collected at the reception held for HELEN SOBELL on August 31, 1959, and said that HELEN SOBELL had asked the SDSC for \$300.00 to be raised by December.

At this meeting ANN ZIELINSKI stated that HELEN SOBELL will ask President EISENHOWER for a pardon for MORTON SOBELL in December.

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The Western Regional Sobell Report of September, 1959 reads in part: "With Helen Sobell's Western Regional tour completed, it is now possible to report and evaluate the results in each area - and the effect of those results on the Sobell campaign nationally. Space-wise, we will only report the highlights - to show some of the new break-throughs and the response to them. . . SAN DIEGO: A meeting with ministers resulted in one minister who will do his own mailing of some 150 pieces of material on the case, asking for additional clergy signers. There was a good group meeting and there are excellent possibilities for TV coverage and press work, as well as the 'Y' interest in the area."

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The current "San Diego County Telephone Directory" published by The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company reflects the following: Reverend JOHN RUSKIN CLARK resides at 2485 Moonstone Drive, San Diego, and is pastor of the First Unitarian Church, 4190 Front, San Diego; Reverend DAVID J. McGOWN resides at 5339 West Falls View Drive, San Diego, and is pastor of the University Presbyterian Church, 5075 Campanile Drive, San Diego; Reverend GRANDISON MADISON PHELPS, JR., resides at 401-32nd Street, San Diego, and is pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church, 309⁴ L Street, San Diego; and Reverend ALBERT MARION SMITH, JR., resides at 2877 Thorn Street, San Diego, and is pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street, San Diego, California.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL GUARDIAN CLUB,
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Guardian Angel Club, National
Guardian Club of San Diego,
National Guardian Readers Group

A confidential source advised on December 2, 1955 that instant organization was formed on November 19, 1955 by a group of Communist Party (CP) sympathizers and suspected CP members, to support the "National Guardian" by subscriptions, donations, and programs designed to arouse interest in the issues being favored by the "National Guardian".

This source advised on May 17, 1956 that the Guardian Angel Club continues to operate as outlined above. On May 17, 1957, however, this source advised the Guardian Angel Club has been completely inactive since June 17, 1956.

This source advised on May 29, 1959 that this is not a membership organization. On September 19, 1958 it was reactivated. On November 2, 1958, at which time it was known as the National Guardian Club of San Diego, a handbill was sent out announcing a meeting November 7, 1958, describing the organization as "Proudly sponsored by the National Guardian Club of San Diego, which aims to promote the National Guardian, a socialist newspaper of honest and intelligent world coverage". This source further advised that this organization is currently known as the National Guardian Readers Group, but has been inactive since approximately February of 1959 because of difficulty in obtaining speakers.

The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948, aiming at national circulation, which it found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content. (1949 report of the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, page 394)

The masthead of the "National Guardian", issue of May 14, 1956, reflects that it is published weekly by Weekly Guardian Associates, Incorporated, 197 East 4th Street, New York City.

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SAN DIEGO SOBELL COMMITTEE, Aka.
Morton Sobell Defense Committee,
Sobell Defense Committee,
San Diego Committee To Secure
Justice For Morton Sobell

A confidential source advised on May 1, 1957 that the San Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC), Aka Morton Sobell Defense Committee, Sobell Defense Committee, San Diego Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, was organized on April 8, 1956, at San Diego, California, to help obtain a new trial for MORTON SOBELL, convicted in 1951 for conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. Source further advised that the SDSC is an adjunct of the National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case, Aka National Sobell Committee, New York, New York, which directs activities, policy and obtains financial support from the various Sobell committees throughout the country.

Another source on December 2, 1959 advised that as of that date MILTON HENRY LESSNER was chairman of the SDSC and that the SDSC was at that time active.

A third source on December 2, 1959 advised that as of that date MILTON HENRY LESSNER was a member of the San Diego County Communist Party (SDCCP) and past literature director of the SDCCP.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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San Diego, California
January 27 1960

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Informants utilized in the report of
Special Agent [REDACTED] dated as
above, have furnished reliable information
in the past. b7c

This document contains neither
recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI.
It is the property of the FBI and is loaned
to your agency; it and its contents are not
to be distributed outside your agency.

1/12/60
SAC LETTER NO. 60-2

(F) COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL - SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION -- Set forth below is a characterization of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. Henceforth, this characterization is to be used whenever needed to document this organization. Previous instructions concerning the use of the characterization set forth in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, dated January 2, 1957, are hereby rescinded.

Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell - Subversive Organization Characterization

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case' -..."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued

by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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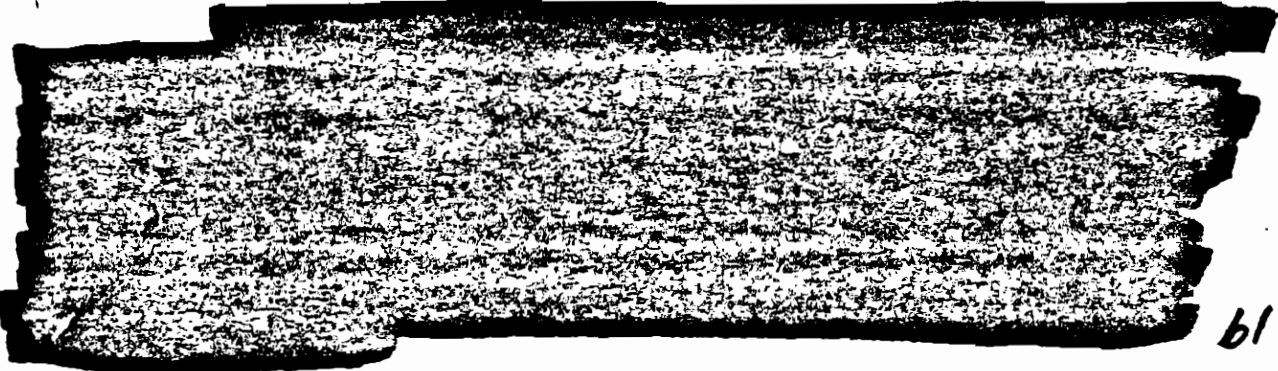
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)
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ReBulet 1/21/60, requesting information concerning
the itinerary of HELEN SOBELL.



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- 1-Boston (100-27290) (RM)
- 1-Miami (100-12292) (RM)
- 1-Washington Field (100-25474) (RM)
- ①-New York (100-107111)
- 1-Supervisor #41

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)
 FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-37667)
 SUBJECT: THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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C I N A L

On 1/12/60, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following items to SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE: b7D

A 16 page mimeographed paper captioned "A Report to DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, Submitted by The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell For the period of January 1, 1959 to January 1, 1960."

This report sets forth 19 reasons why executive action should be taken to commute MORTON SOBELL's sentence. Attached to the report was a copy of a letter on the letterhead of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, New York, N. Y., dated 1/5/60, addressed to President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, bearing the signatures of HELEN SOBELL and ROSE SOBELL, Co-Chairmen. The letter requests a commutation of sentence for MORTON SOBELL and requests an appointment to discuss this personally with President EISENHOWER.

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A cover letter on the letterhead of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL accompanied the above.

The cover letter was dated 1/5/60, addressed to "Dear Friends" and was signed "The National Staff." This letter stated that the 16 page report and the attached letter to President EISENHOWER have been mailed to the President, to the Attorney General, and will be mailed to Congress. This letter continues that it is the intention of the Committee to release the report to the press for papers of Sunday, 1/24. The cover letter states that copies of the report are available at .10 per copy or \$7.50 per hundred.

[REDACTED] advised that he received the above through the mail from the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in an envelope postmarked 1/6/60, at New York, N. Y.

[REDACTED]

The report with the attached copy of a letter to President EISENHOWER and the cover letter are enclosed herewith to the Bureau.

HENNRICH

January 13, 1960

SAC (100-25530)

SA [redacted] b7c

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
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On 12/9/59, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished to the writer a handwritten report containing the [redacted] bank account of captioned organization for the month of November, 1959. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street.

Report is filed in [redacted]

Use of this information in reports should be accompanied by the statement that the information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The report, as it relates to captioned organization, is set forth as follows:

Chicago Sobell Comm. - Nov. 1959			
Date	Checks	Deposits	Balance
			\$438.75
5	51.00		387.75
19	6.00		381.75
23	18.00		363.75
25	11.81		351.94
25	.75		351.19
27		72.00	423.19

Amount	Payee	Cleared Through
51.00	General Services Adm.	Federal Reserve - Chgo
6.00	Comm. Secure Justice- M. Sobell	Corn Exchange - New York
18.00	Monthly Review	Chem. Corn Ex. - New York
.75	Service Charge	
11.81	Illinois Bell	1st National - Chgo

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is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety, under (b)(1) as it has been classified pursuant to Executive Order 11652 as it contains information which would disclose an intelligence source. This serial bears the Classification Officers number [REDACTED].

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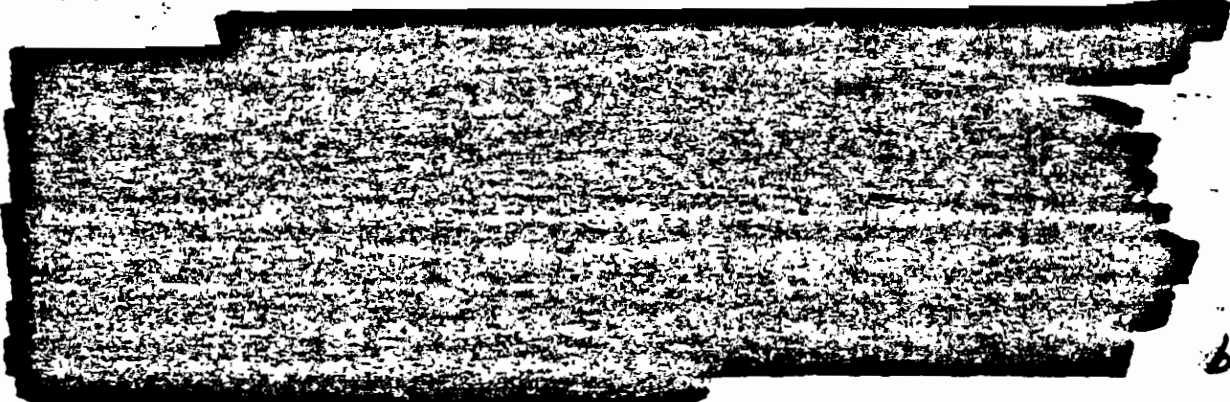
RE:

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-129802)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR HONORABLE SOBELL
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Bureau authority is requested to contact [redacted] NY Archdiocese Clergy Office, on a confidential basis and advise [redacted] of the expressed intention of the Committee to circulate an appeal among the Catholic priests in NY. b2c

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DR. ANNETTE T. RUBINSTEIN:
THE VALLEY: Sat., Feb. 20, 8:30 p.m.
Theodore Dreiser, Voice of the
"New American"
THE HARBOR AREA: Sun., Feb. 21
Buffet Supper—4:30-7 p.m.
Lecture 7 p.m. sharp. "Corky and
Mazo"
Contribution: \$1.25
(*Harbor Area Buffet Sup. & Lecture \$2.)
For address, info—call HO 6-4725

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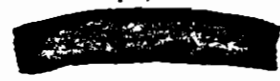
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To: SAC, Miami (100-12292)

From: Director, FBI (100-387835)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL; IS - C.

ReNYairtel 1-13-60 concerning the future itinerary of Helen Sobell.

For the information of the Miami Office the Bureau plans to capitalize on any opportunity to counteract the limited success Helen Sobell has had among certain legitimate civic organizations and groups by neutralizing her work through use of Bureau contacts to expose captioned committee and its communist connections. Her future itinerary has been determined by the New York Office to include a tour in the Miami area commencing approximately 2-1-60. In order to make the Bureau's plans effective it will be necessary for your office to determine exactly Sobell's itinerary in the Miami area. Promptly alert confidential informants and sources in an effort to determine her schedule and the identity of the groups she plans to address. Maintain an extra close check of newspapers and other press media in the Miami area for announcements concerning her visit.

As soon as any concrete developments are obtained from your checks furnish such data to the Bureau by airtel. Follow this matter very closely as it appears that the Bureau may in this instance have sufficient time to counteract the work of Helen Sobell in furtherance of the program to assist her husband, Morton Sobell.

1 - New York (100-107111)

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Director, FBI

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NYfile 100-129802

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Authority granted to contact [redacted] New York Archdiocese Chancery Office, on a confidential basis and advise him of the expressed intention of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell to circularize an appeal among the Catholic priests in New York area. A copy of the 137-page pamphlet entitled "Trial by Treason" which was published by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on 8-25-56 is enclosed. This pamphlet which outlines in considerable detail the communist machinations in connection with the Morton Sobell case should be confidentially furnished to [redacted] b7c

Any tangible results noted from this counterintelligence operation should be promptly called to the attention of the Bureau.

Enclosure

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-35117)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C

Re Bulet to [redacted] of New York, dated 12/30/59 concerning Reverend PETER MC CORMACK of San Francisco and Reverend THOMAS KILGORE, JR., of New York. b20

The San Francisco file on Reverend PETER MC CORMACK was formerly carried under 140-2639, but has been consolidated into a dead security file, SF 100-45086. All correspondence pertaining to MC CORMACK and his activities in the SOBELL campaign are placed in this file as well as in the main SOBELL file, SF 100-35117. In this way, a running check is kept on MC CORMACK's activities.

No active investigation is being conducted on MC CORMACK at this time. He is a retired Presbyterian minister who never knew MORTON SOBELL until he met him in the course of his duties as chaplain at Alcatraz. His dismissal from Alcatraz caused considerable favorable newspaper comment for his effort as a champion of the underdog and "one of the finest men I have ever met", MORTON SOBELL. Since his dismissal MC CORMACK has been more active than ever in SOBELL's behalf. He has never been active in any other front groups.

Reverend MC CORMACK will be 70 years old in May, 1960. It is believed that because of his advanced age and possible senility, he has been carried away by the "humanitarian" angle of the SOBELL case. It is not felt that he is potentially dangerous to this country at this time. If any information is developed that Reverend MC CORMACK is active in a more dangerous way, the Bureau will be notified immediately, and the San Francisco investigation made active at once. In the meantime he is not being recommended for the Security Index nor for the Revised Communist Index, since such is not warranted under all the circumstances in this case.

- 2 - Bureau (REG.) (AM)
- 2 - New York (REG.) (100-107111)
- 2 - San Francisco (100-35117) (BACSC)

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-35117)

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SAC, DALLAS (65-1897)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C

On 1/12/60 [redacted] Fidelity Building, Dallas, Texas, made available to SA [redacted], an unsolicited letter he had received from a Rev. PETER MCCORMACK of San Francisco, California, the alleged former Protestant Chaplain at Alcatraz. This letter was on behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

Enclosed with this letter was a reprint published by the National Student Council of the YMCA and YWCA concerning their Sixth Assembly. This also was a favorable comment on MORTON SOBELL. Also enclosed was a mimeographed sheet containing comments on MORTON SOBELL by Dr. PAUL LEHMANN, Harvard Divinity School. Also an appeal to the President on behalf of MORTON SOBELL containing a list of four pages of clergymen requesting the recipient of the letter to also sign his name and forward it to the President.

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau and New York, this material will not be furnished to New York or the Bureau since it has probably already come to the attention of the Bureau.

This material is being made a 1-A exhibit of the Dallas file and the above is being furnished for information.

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2 - New York (RM)
2 - Dallas (1 - 100-9895)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT-

TO : SAC (100-37667)

DATE: 1/20/60

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: PHILADELPHIA SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS - C

On 12/16/59, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally provided a typewritten statement to SA [REDACTED]. This statement is maintained in [REDACTED].

"Thurs., Dec. 10, 1959 b7c

"On Thursday evening, December 10, 1959 about 9 P.M. a group of about 25 persons gathered at the home of SARA and HARRY EPSTEIN, at 5745 N. Fairholl St., Phila., Pa.

"The purpose of the meeting was to hear Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON.

"Mrs. SARA EPSTEIN greeted all persons present and welcomed the group to her home. She then introduced Mrs. PEARL CHERNOFF as chairman of the meeting. Mrs. CHERNOFF stated that through the efforts of JEAN DI FRANTZES they were able to procure the services of BILL ROBINSON. He is a light-skinned Negro who

- (1 - New York (SOBELL COMMITTEE) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - Portland (SOBELL COMMITTEE) (REGISTERED MAIL)
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"gave some dramatic sketches based on work of EARL ROBINSON, Dr. W. E. B. DuBOIS, WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE and others.

"Mrs. HELEN SOBELL was then called upon to speak. She spoke dramatically of the her and sons visit to the Federal Prison in Atlanta, Ga.

"She stated that MORTON's mother ROSE was in Washington, D. C. to see the President. She was unable to see him. She then went to the pardon commissioner and then to the justice department.

"It was brought out that she may be a guest on FRANK FORD's show on Friday evening from 11 P.M. to 2 A.M. (This did not materialize).

"It ws then brought out that a Bucks County Sobell Committee was organized this Saturday afternoon. No location was mentioned.

"Mrs. H. SOBELL read editorial from the St. Petersburg, Fla. Times of 11/14/59. According to her the paper said that her husband was convicted because of the hysteria of the time.

"She claims that during her west coast trip she made four television and radio appearances.

"She said that a great Britisher, BERTRAND RUSSELL and an eminent Jew from Israel sent a cablegram to the President asking for Christmas amnesty. She claims that she has cinescope of last television appearance and it is available.

"She played a 'Ballad for Morton Sobell' on record at this meeting. These will be made up for public distribution shortly.

"She claims that many more prominent persons are showing great concern in her husband's innocence. She even-introduced a clipping from a Hearst newspaper (anti-Communist paper) where they wrote a forward and favorable story and published her picture.

"She feels that if this momentum keeps up enough interest

"will be manifested to bring pressure to bear on the government officials and they will be compelled to release him by public demand.

"Each time she comes to Philadelphia she has a longer list of individuals interested in her husband's case.

"These three items were distributed at the meeting:

"(1) Social Questions Bulletin, Vol 49, number 9, December 1959. Issued monthly by Methodist Federation for Social Action.

"(2) Sermon 'When Conscience Speaks,' by Reverend SAMUEL A. WRIGHT, JR., on April 12, 1959 at Kentfield, Calif.

"(3) A letter to the President of the United States to be signed. This is asking for Xmas amnesty.

"Mrs. CHERNOFF showed pictures of Xmas tree drawn by her son with a card asking for Xmas amensty. This drawing will be sent to MORTON before Xmas.

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"The largest portions of people present were Jewish. They were all smiling and very friendly.

"Coffee and cake was served at closing time.

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The above-described items distributed at the meeting

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are retained in 100-37667-1B-32-(19).

It is noted that the "Social Questions Bulletin," issued by the Methodist Federation for Social Action, has an address of P.O. Box 327, Gresham, Oregon.

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Rebulet 1/19/60, which authorized contact with the

[REDACTED] New York Archdiocese
Chancery Office, on a confidential basis, to advise him of the
intentions of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell
to circularize appeal among the Catholic Priests in the New York
area. bx

[REDACTED] was contacted on 1/20/60 by
SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the Cardinal's
residence, 452 Madison Avenue, New York City. [REDACTED]
was advised of the confidential nature of the visit and was then
apprised of the reason for the visit. [REDACTED] stated
that he was most interested in the information furnished him and
felt that some action should be taken. It was his opinion that
in view of the fact that general conferences of priests are held
periodically, the next being held in March of 1960, that these
priests would be orally advised of the situation. If in the
meantime the committee actually disseminates letters to the
Catholic Clergy, the Cardinal will then transmit letters
to the Clergy in order to counteract the one from the committee.
[REDACTED] felt that this would be the best way to handle
the situation. A copy of the 137 page pamphlet, "Trial by Treason"
was furnished [REDACTED] as suggested by the Bureau. bx

- 3 - BUREAU (100-129802) (RM)
- (1 - BUfile 100-387835)
- ② - NEW YORK (100-129802)
- (1 - NYfile 100-107111)

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Letter to Director

Re: CP, USA-COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM; IS-C
COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL; IS-C

During the conversation, Francis Cardinal Spellman arrived at which time he was briefed by [REDACTED] in the presence of the agents. Cardinal Spellman was quite impressed with the information and agreed with the way to handle the matter as suggested by [REDACTED]. Cardinal Spellman instructed [REDACTED] to stay on top of the situation. They were very appreciative of the Bureau's courtesy in this matter and expressed thanks for the Bureau calling this to their attention. b7c

January 22, 1960

SA [REDACTED] *DX*

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS - C

On January 8, 1960, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished to the writer a handwritten report containing results of the monitorship of the bank account of captioned organization for the month of December, 1959. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Report is filed in [REDACTED]

Use of this information in reports should be accompanied by the statement that the information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings, following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

① - New York (RM)
1 - 100-10711 (Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL)

3 - Chicago

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Chicago Sobell Committee
December, 1959

Date	Checks	Deposits	Balance
			\$423.19
2	147.46		275.73
2	18.37		257.36
8	51.00		206.36
15		104.00	310.36
22		225.00	535.36
24	10.42		524.94
28	50.00		474.94
29	51.00		423.94
30	.75		423.19

Amount	Payee	Cleared Through
147.46	Careful Office Services	American Nat'l - Chicago
18.37	Cash (End: GERTRUDE	Us.
51.00	SOTEKER (78.20)	
51.00	General Services Adminis-	Federal Reserve - Chicago
	tration	
10.42	Illinois Bell	1st National - Chicago
50.00	Comm. Secure Justice M.	Corn Exchange - New York
	SOBELL	
51.00	General Services	Federal Reserve - Chicago
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.75	Service Charge	

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE BOSTON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 12 25 1960	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/22/59 - 1/13/60
TITLE OF CASE Changed COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY brc
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950	

~~SYNOPSIS~~

The title of this report is being marked "Changed" to delete from the title the words "BOSTON DIVISION" as requested in Bureau letter to Albany dated November 25, 1959.

REFERENCES

- Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated March 27, 1959 at Boston. *b7c*
- Bureau letter to Albany dated November 25, 1959.
- Boston letter to Bureau dated December 30, 1959.

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ENCLOSURES (2): Thumbnail sketch of captioned organization.

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INFORMANTS

Identity

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BS T-2

[REDACTED]

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The informants mentioned in the details of this report are identified as follows:

Informant

Location

[REDACTED]

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Instant report
Contacted orally by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on January 10, 1960.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

Arrangements have been made with [REDACTED] Auditing Department, tenth floor, First National Bank of Boston, for the Boston Office to be notified immediately if any efforts are made by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL or any official representative to bank at this institution.

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Arrangements have also been made with [REDACTED] Massachusetts State Police, for the notification of this office if any information pertaining to the captioned organization comes to his attention.

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[REDACTED] also advised that he would notify this office if he receives any information concerning the captioned organization becoming active in the Boston area.

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Dissemination has been accomplished on the local level to OSI, DIO and G-2 because of their interest in this matter. Also furnished are copies of an evaluation memorandum.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: OSI, Westover AFB, Mass. (RM)
DIO, Boston (RM)
G-2, Governors Island, NY (RM)

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: BOSTON b7c

Date: JAN 26 1960

Field Office No.: BS 100-27290 Bureau File No.: BU 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis: An informant advised in 1/59 and also in 1/60
that he had no information concerning this
organization subsequent to the last known
meeting on 7/12/58. [REDACTED]

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions
of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to
your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed
outside your agency.

BS 100-27290

DETAILS:

[REDACTED] advised on July 24, 1958 that the last known meeting of this organization was an outing in Sharon, Massachusetts on July 12, 1958. [REDACTED] stated on January 28, 1959 and again in January, 1960 to SA [REDACTED] that he had no further information pertaining to this matter. b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

Informants, who have knowledge of phases of Communist Party activity in the Boston area, advised in September, 1959 that they had no information of a current nature concerning this organization.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

APPENDIX

The Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., on page 60, states as follows:

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

1. Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the "Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL", the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953 and "then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case". National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ. (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell", August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
(and local affiliates)

1. Cited as a Communist front "organized at least as early as November, 1951" to conduct the United States phase of "a mammoth propoganda campaign designed to obliterate the crime (of) and exploit the ROSENBERGS and their codefendant, MORTON SOBELL, for the purposes of international communism". Headed by JOSEPH BRAININ as chairman, the committee had national headquarters at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City, and more than 40 local affiliates throughout the country.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell", August 25, 1956, pp. 1, 13, 21, 63 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report, 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, pp. 3 and 29-33.)

2. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

BS 100-27290

Boston, Massachusetts

JAN 25 1950

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above at Boston.

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All informants mentioned in the details of referenced report have furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-387835)

DATE: 1/26/60

FROM : SAC, Miami (100-12292)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
(OO: New York)

ReBulet captioned "Security Informants" dated 10/27/59
mylet 11/25/59 and Buairtel 1/18/60, b7D
concerning visit of HELEN SOBELL to Miami.

Informant coverage on activities of the Miami Sobell Committee of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is afforded [redacted] There is no change in subject organization since submission of referenced letter, that is, there is no evidence the Miami Sobell Committee is currently a formally organized group; there are no officers of record and, according to [redacted] activity is confined to the solicitation and collection of financial contributions which are forwarded to captioned organization at New York City. b7D

A representative number of cases have been re-opened on individuals considered to have informant potential and these individuals are currently being considered in connection with this program.

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Referenced Bureau Airtel reflects HELEN SOBELL is scheduled to visit Miami approximately February 1, 1960. [redacted] and other logical sources have been alerted to the b7D

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scheduled SOBELL visit and her activities and contacts will be closely followed as an aid in carrying out instant program.

Should information be developed that the Miami Sobell Committee has reverted to a formally organized group as a result of that visit, the Bureau will be promptly advised. The Miami Division is currently utilizing the Panel Source Program in implementing its current program to develop additional coverage on captioned group.

The Bureau will be advised 60 days from date of instant communication of the progress and success being made in this program.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MINNEAPOLIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <i>New York</i> MINNEAPOLIS	DATE 1/27/60	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/11 - 1/25/60
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY JSM
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - C and SWP	

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The title is being marked changed in order to delete from it its local affiliate the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/27/59 at Minneapolis. **b7c**

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ADMINISTRATIVE

This report is being stamped confidential inasmuch as it contains information furnished [REDACTED] **b2** a disclosure of which could reasonably result in the identification of a valuable and current informant.

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Correction made per 6-17 date 2/15/60 JMS

MP 100-8894

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INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>		<u>Location</u>
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LEAD

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will submit report in six months regarding activities
of the Minnesota Sobell Committee.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: ONI, Chicago (RM)
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G-2, St. Paul (RM)

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: Minneapolis,
Date: January 27, 1960 b7c Minnesota

File Number: Minneapolis (100-8894)
Bureau (100-387835)

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C and SWP

Synopsis:

JEAN BRUST, Secretary, Minnesota Sobell Committee, on National Board of Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. Minnesota Sobell Committee is an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. Officers of Minnesota Committee remain the same and its working committee continues to meet on a somewhat irregular basis. Activity of Minnesota Committee has been on the decrease because of its inability to gain any headway in its stated purpose and because of internal bogging down of the organization itself. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b2
Minnesota Committee is still controlled and dominated by SWP locally.

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DETAILS:

The Socialist Workers Party and the Communist Party have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

I. ORGANIZATION

A. Affiliation

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] made available a printed type newspaper throwaway entitled "Todays Verdict in the Case of Morton Sobell" published by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which listed among its affiliated committees the Minnesota Committee, 715 South Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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B. Officers

[REDACTED]

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II. GENERAL ACTIVITY

MP T-4 on June 27, 1959 advised that Reverend ERWIN GAEDE of Los Angeles, California, speaking before those in attendance at a banquet sponsored by the Los Angeles Sobell Committee, an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell related incidents that occurred during his Midwest tour in behalf of MORTON SOBELL. In his speech Reverend GAEDE spoke with regard to St. Paul, Minnesota, stating that if his tour had accomplished nothing else his wonderful reception at the University of Minnesota made the trip extremely worthwhile. GAEDE stated he talked to 23 ministers at a meeting held at the University, that all of the ministers in attendance were completely sympathetic and wanted information on the MORTON SOBELL case. GAEDE also stated that at another meeting held at the Unitarian Church in the Twin City area some 100 people attended and all were intensely interested.

[REDACTED] advised on August 11, 1959, a picnic at the Minnehaha Park, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was sponsored by the Minnesota Sobell Committee. [REDACTED] stated that the affair was informal and that no business matters were transacted. b2

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] a meeting of the Minnesota Sobell Committee was held [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that it was decided at the above meeting to buy six additional books of the "Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

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On November 23, 1959 and November 24, 1959, respectively
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] made available the same information.

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[REDACTED] made available a throwaway
announcing a meeting sponsored by the Minnesota Sobell Committee
to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. ESSER SHRAGG, 6924
35 $\frac{1}{2}$ Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The announcement
stated that the principal speakers at the above meeting
would be Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES LEE recently returned from
the Soviet Union and they would discuss their experiences
of that trip.

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[REDACTED] advised that a Minnesota Sobell
meeting was held at the SHRAGG residence on November 28, 1959.
[REDACTED] reported that the principal speakers were the LEES.
LEE, in discussing his trip to the Soviet Union, stated he
had been born there and had worked in the underground in the
old days. LEE stated that there has been a great change
in the condition in the Soviet Union and that he discovered
in talking to the people of the Soviet Union that they wished
only for peace and to a chance to raise their standard of living.
LEE stated he was well treated during his trip but tended to
be critical of the Russian form of government stating that
he did not think they had Communism and that only about one
per cent of the people belonged to the Communist Party.
LEE stated that the living conditions in general were not
too good.

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[REDACTED] characterized CHARLES LEE as
a self-described Leninist and Stalinist who did not, however,
believe Communism would come to United States because of the
generally good conditions existing in this country.

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[REDACTED] advised that the Minnesota Sobell Committee has been relatively inactive for the past period and that this inactivity was caused mainly by the Committee's inability to gain any headway in obtaining freedom for MORTON SOBELL and to an internal bogging down of the organization itself. b2

III. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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IV. RAMIFICATIONS

On December 7, 1959 and January 21, 1960 [REDACTED] advised that the Minnesota Sobell Committee is locally controlled and dominated by the Socialist Workers Party and that although there is CP affiliation with the Committee on an individual basis the majority of its officers and working committees are current members of the Socialist Workers Party. 2

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APPENDIX
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COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' The Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case' ----"

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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In Reply, Please
Refer to File
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Minneapolis, Minnesota

January 25, 1960

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C AND SWP

Confidential informants and sources referred to in the report of SA [REDACTED] dated January 25, 1960, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in captioned matter, have furnished reliable information in the past. b7c

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 1/28/60	Investigative Period 7/25/59 - 1/19/60
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By: b7c ald
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950	

REFERENCE

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 7/31/59, New York. **b7c**

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ADMINISTRATIVE

By airtel dated 10/30/59, the Bureau was advised of the results of an interview with **[REDACTED]**. **[REDACTED]** advised that he had been contacted by the staff of the CSJMS, the SOBELL case was briefly discussed with him and his agreement to participate in the Clergymen's Appeal was not secured until after he was shown a release setting forth the names of Clergymen who had already agreed to participate. **[REDACTED]** said that the signatures of these spiritually dedicated Christians, whom he knew, influenced him to sign from a Christian and humanitarian viewpoint. **[REDACTED]** said his signing was to ask the President **b7D**

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to review the case and not a belief in SOBELL's innocence.
[REDACTED] upon ascertaining the true nature of the CSJMS planned
to contact those Clergymen whose signatures had influenced
his signing the Appeal. b7D

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A fisur of the "Thrift Shop" at 1553 St. Nicholas
Avenue, NYC, on 1/12/60, was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
and SA [REDACTED] b7c

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information contained therein was obtained from informants
of continuing value and could reasonably prevent their
future effectiveness.

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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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Used to characterize AARON KATZ

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NY T-4 1s

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NY T-5 1s

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Copies of this report are being furnished for information purposes to all offices where active adjuncts or affiliates of the CSJMS have been revealed to exist either through publicity of the CSJMS or by confidential informants.

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow and report activities of captioned organization as revealed through confidential informants and/or publicity releases.

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Report of:
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Office: New York, New York

File Number:

New York 100-107111

Bureau 100-337835

Title:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

The National Headquarters of the Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and the headquarters of the New York Sobell Committee are at Room D, 940 Broadway, NYC. Members of the National staff of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell are HELEN SOBELL, TED JACOBS, LEAH SCHNEIDER and AARON KATZ. Members of the New York Sobell Committee include the above and BEN RATNER, JENNIE RATNER, EVELYN HARAP, BELLA HALEBSKY and MARGARET BLAU. Purpose of the Committee is to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison and to effect this the Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is sponsoring a Nationwide clemency appeal. An informant advised that the need for operating funds for the Committee is critical.

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Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

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The Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, the National Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and the Sobell Committee will be referred to by the initials CSJMS, NCSJMS, and SC where appropriate in this report.

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The Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

B. LOCATION, PURPOSE AND STAFF

On January 18, 1960 [REDACTED] furnished the following **62** evaluation of the CSJMS:

"The Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is an organization founded for the purpose of securing the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison. The Committee expects to do this by obtaining either a new trial for SOBELL or by obtaining a Presidential pardon or commutation of his sentence to the time already served.

"The National Headquarters of the Sobell Committee is at Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City, which is also the location of the New York Sobell Committee.

"There is no formal membership in the SC and there are no dues. People volunteer their services and are affiliated with the Committee for varying periods of time and often reaffiliate with the Committee after being inactive for periods of time.

"The paid staff members of the SC are believed to be: AARON KATZ, LEAH SCHNEIDER, TED JACOBS, HELEN SOBELL and one BERTHA (LNU) who is employed on a part time basis. The members of the National Staff of the CSJMS are as follows: TED JACOBS, who handles publicity, plans campaign and contacts other Sobell Committees; LEAH SCHNEIDER, who it is believed manages the office; AARON KATZ, who is an East Coast Organizer, and, HELEN SOBELL, who travels throughout the country making fund raising speeches. The members of the New York Sobell Committee include all of the above and:

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"BEN RATNER, Chairman; JENNIE RATNER; EVELYN HARAP, Co-chairman; BELLA HALEBSKY, MARGARET BLAU; MURIEL (believed to be WEISS or WEISSMAN); and GEORGE (INU).

"There are SC branches in most larger cities such as Boston, Chicago, Atlanta, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Philadelphia.

"The National Committee suggests policies and plans campaigns for the local Committees, but they are general autonomous and self-supporting and do not have to follow the suggestions of the National Committee. It is to be pointed out that the exception to this is that the "Clergy Appeal" originated in the San Francisco SC.

"The current campaign for the release of SOBELL includes a petition to the President of the United States signed by the Clergymen of varying faiths.

"All local Sobell Committees send, when possible, funds to the New York Office and most of the printing is sent out from the New York Office.

"The New York or the National Committee raises much of the funds for the CSMS by private solicitations and through private house parties. The Committee needs funds badly and printing, mailing, back salaries and lawyer's fees have not been paid because of lack of funds."

NY T-2 advised on April 27, 1944, that AARON KATZ was a member of the CP for six years and had been transferred into the Waterfront Section of the CP on December 23, 1943. According to NY T-2, KATZ, in 1944, held CP membership book Number 31250.

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2) [REDACTED] advised on December 18, 1950, that WILLIAM WOLF was an "old party hack" who was active in the youth movement in the CP. [REDACTED] advised that she had not heard WOLF referred to as TED JACOBS.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] identified, on February 2, 1944, HELEN GUREWITZ (HELEN SOBELL, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL), as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington, D.C. as of February 1, 1944.

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[REDACTED] advised on April 1, 1958, that EVELYN MANN HARAP was the Press Director of the Chelsea Section of the New York County CP.

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[REDACTED]

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[redacted] advised on September 2, 1954, that MARGARET KANTER BLAU was the Organizational Secretary of the Fifth North Section of the Upper West Side Region of the New York CP at one period of time between 1948 and 1950. 320

C. ACTIVITIES

[redacted] made available [redacted] an undated four page mimeographed press release entitled, "Toward Freedom for MORTON SOBELL, Next Step in our Program", on the stationery of the CSJMS which summed up the current activity as follows: 320

"Christmas Release - each Christmas season there is a traditional release of prisoners

A.) Appeals by the public at large

B.) Hundreds of Clergymen have already signed the special Clergymen's Appeal.....

C.) Some clergymen have already given sermons ...

Washington Work.... More and more Senators and Congressmen have learned about the case....

Support within the Organization.-

The wonderful calibre of interest in the case makes it important for you to visit various organizations

New Committee Groups There is an urgent need for more and more groups.

Labor Unions - the special successes recently in bringing the case before labor union members and leaders are encouraging....

Parole we are examining the question of parole....

Eminent citizens - the National Office is embarking on a project in bringing the SOBELL Case..... to the prime movers of Government policy and public opinion.....

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Press, radio and TV - HELEN SOBELL's recently Western tour illustrated an important point - the great receptivity of Press, Radio and TV

Funds - the urgent need for funds is actually one of the first orders of business".

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[REDACTED] advised on various dates that members of the SC met/National Headquarters in New York City [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at which meetings general topics of business were discussed.

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D. FINANCES

NY T-11 advised on the indicated date that the bank balance for the CSJMS was as follows:

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<u>Date of Balance</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Date Furnished</u>
July 29, 1959	\$549.37	July 29, 1959
August 27, 1959	107.37	August 27, 1959
September 28, 1959	271.53	September 28, 1959
October 28, 1959	191.07	October 28, 1959
November 24, 1959	571.46	November 24, 1959
December 29, 1959	750.84	December 29, 1959

It is to be noted that information furnished by NY T-11 is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.



E. PUBLICITY

1) "National Guardian"

A characterization of the "National Guardian" (NG) appears in the Appendix Section hereto.

On page 7 of the July 20, 1959 issue of NG is a paid advertisement entitled, "Los Angeles" which announced that a picnic would be held in Los Angeles on July 26, 1959, under the auspices of the Los Angeles SC and that a donation

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of \$1.25 would be charged.

On page 7 of the August 3, 1959 issue of NG is a paid advertisement for a party to be held in behalf of MORTON SOBELL in Far Rockaway, Queens, on August 1, 1959.

On page 6 of the August 17, 1959 issue of NG is a book review entitled, "Rosenberg Story is Again Timely" which advises that copies of books on the ROSENBERG trial could be ordered through the NG.

On page 7 of the August 24, 1959 issue of the NG is a paid advertisement under the heading, "Los Angeles" which announces that a "Bar-B-Cue" would be held in Los Angeles on August 29, 1959, and that a donation of \$1.25 per person would be charged.

On page 7 of the August 31, 1959 issue of the NG is a paid advertisement entitled, "Los Angeles" which announces that a dinner under the sponsorship of the "Valley SC to Welcome HELEN SOBELL" would be held May 9, 1959, in Van Nuys, California, and that on September 6, 1959, an informal get-together would be held in Altadena, California.

On page 7 of the September 7, 1959 issue of the NG is a paid advertisement entitled, "Los Angeles" which announces that a dinner to honor HELEN SOBELL would be held in West Los Angeles on September 12, 1959.

On page 3 of the October 19, 1959, issue of the NG is a lengthy article entitled, "An Interview with HELEN SOBELL' If Every Guardian Reader Sent a Letter'" which reports that great progress was being made in the Campaign to secure HELEN SOBELL's husband's freedom, that HELEN SOBELL was petitioning the Director of Federal Prisons in order to be allowed conjugal visits with her husband, and, requesting all readers to send a letter to the President asking for MORTON SOBELL's freedom.

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On page 13 of the November 13, 1959 issue of NG is a photograph and accompanying text reporting that ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, was sending an Appeal for funds for her son to Washington, D.C.

On page 5 of the November 30, 1959 issue of NG is a paid advertisement entitled, "Los Angeles" which announces an evening of "Fun and Entertainment" in Los Angeles on December 5, 1959.

On page 11 of the December 7, 1959 issue of the NG is a paid advertisement entitled, "Philadelphia, Pennsylvania" which announces that HELEN SOBELL would be under the sponsorship of the Philadelphia SC on December 10, 1959, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and that a donation would be requested.

On page 11 of the December 7, 1959 issue of the NG is a paid advertisement entitled, "Los Angeles" which announces that a memorial concert would be held in Los Angeles on December 13, under the sponsorship of the Los Angeles SC.

On page 11 of the December 21, 1959 issue of the NG is a column of miscellaneous comments entitled, "The Gallery" which reports that BERTRAND RUSSELL of England and MARTIN BUBER of Israel sent an Appeal to the President for executive clemency.

On page 3 of the December 28, 1959 issue of the NG is an article accompanied by photographs entitled, "In this Season of Good Will - Raise Your Voice for MORTON SOBELL" which reviewed the ROSENBERG - SOBELL convictions and reports "8 years and 4 months later fellow victim of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG waits in Atlanta Penitentiary for vindication both for the dead and the living". This article requests readers to write to the President of the United States asking for executive clemency for MORTON SOBELL.

2) Other

On page 10 of the September 29, 1959 issue of the "New York Journal American", New York City daily newspaper, is a news story entitled, "Sobell's Wife Pleads to have baby by Spy" which reports that HELEN SOBELL had requested Federal

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Officials to permit her to have a baby by her husband.

On page 3 of the September 29, 1959 issue of the "New York World-Telegram", a New York City daily newspaper, is a similar story.

On page 3 of the September 30, 1959 issue of the "New York Daily News", a New York City daily newspaper, is a newspaper story, "Nix Plea of Spy's Wife for Child by Prisoner" which reports that the Government had rejected the appeal by HELEN SOBELL to live with MORTON SOBELL in Atlanta Penitentiary long enough to conceive a child.

On page 3 of the September 30, 1959 issue of the "New York Mirror", a New York City daily newspaper, is a similar story.

The April, 1959 issue of "The Intercollegian", self-identified as the publication of the National Student Council of the YMCA and YWCA, is an article entitled, "Issue of the month - The Case of MORTON SOBELL" which is quoted in part as follows:

"The Sixth Assembly of the Student YMCA- YWCA..... At the Assembly both Dr. PAUL LEHMANN^a / Dr. GARDNER MURPHY called attention to the MORTON SOBELL trial and sentence. Student Christian Associations should study the record of this case. Wherever a possible serious malfeasance of justice in any society exists, that society could not go long without examining its behavior and practice.

There follows the statement on the SOBELL case by REINHOLD NIEBUHR, JOHN C. BENNETT, GERHARD O. W. MUELLER, EDMOND CAHN DANIEL DAY WILLIAMS, PAUL RAMSEY and JEROME NATHANSON.

This statement is then followed by comments on the MORTON SOBELL Case by Dr. PAUL LEHMAN of the Harvard Divinity School:

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"The Christian's concern for justice is a basic response to what God revealed to us..... MORTON SOBELL was convicted and sentenced to prison in the wake of the trial, convictions and sentencing of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG. His case has been called "the outstanding example of the serious lasting effects of the spy scare"..... MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to prison for a 30 year term in 1951. First in Leavenworth and then in Alcatraz, symbols of American punitive power at its worst, SOBELL has been serving his sentence amidst rising doubts in the body politic of the United States about the evidence upon which he was actually convicted and remanded to prison..... Whether one come to the conclusion that the SOBELL case should be reviewed or not, that MORTON SOBELL should be pardoned by executive clemency or not, a serious study and discussion of the issues and the significance of MORTON SOBELL's ordeal may well serve as an unforgettable undergraduate experience in what it takes to be and to stay a human being in this kind of world....."

On page 91 of the June 22, 1959 issue of "Christianity and Crisis" - a Christian journal of Opinion" is an article entitled, "A new look at the SOBELL Case" which reports that a group of lawyers and religious leaders had petitioned the President of the United States to commute the sentence of MORTON SOBELL. The article advises that the Committee does not question SOBELL's guilt or involvement in the ROSENBERG crime and adds that the Committee felt that a 30 year sentence is excessive.

██████████ made available ██████████ a printed throwaway of the CSJMS entitled, "A Wrong to be Righted", which is a reprint of an article first printed on the West Coast and "26 other labor newspapers". This is quoted in part as follows: b2

".... August 16 is a bitter anniversary for Mrs. HELEN SOBELL who is now on a speaking tour of California. It marks the beginning of the 10th year of her husband's imprisonment for a crime she says he could not possibly have committed Their spirits have been bouyed up by the fact that in recent years thousands of people -

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many of them noted ministers, lawyers and scientists - have publicly expressed their belief that the SOBELL conviction was a miscarriage of justice.....it is the change in the times, the bad repete of MC CARTHYISM, the growing concern for the defense of American rights, which feeds Mrs. SOBELL's hope that President EISENHOWER could soon be persuaded to commute her husband's sentence and that at the same time a new trial may be held to vindicate MORTON SOBELL's name.....".

F. AFFILIATED ADJUNCTS

██████████ made available ██████████ a printed newspaper-type throwaway entitled, "Today's Verdict in the Case of MORTON SOBELL" and dated July, 1959. This newspaper is self-identified as "Published by the NCSJMS" and lists the following adjuncts and affiliates to the Committee under the caption "Help the SOBELL Committee Near You":

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National Committee to Secure Justice
for MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway,
New York City, New York.; Phone AL 4-9983

Los Angeles Sobell Committee,
462 North Western, Los Angeles,
Cal., Phone: Hollywood 4-4725

Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees,
345 Franklin, San Francisco, Cal.,
Phone: UN 1-1334

Chicago Sobell Committee,
20 West Jackson, Chicago, Ill.,
Phone: Webster 9-5992

Syracuse Sobell Committee,
1009 Cumberland Ave.,
Syracuse, N.Y. Phone: Granite
2-2406

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East Bay Area Sobell Committee,
Box 264, Berkeley, Cal.

Detroit Committee for MORTON SOBELL,
134 Colorado, Highland Park, Mich.,
Phone: TO 5-4898

Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice
for MORTON SOBELL, 715 So. Lexington Parkway,
St. Paul 2, Minn., Phone: Midway 8-3340

Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for
MORTON SOBELL, 914 N. Plankinton Ave.,
Milwaukee 3, Wisc., Phone: BR 2-1130

St. Louis Sobell Committee, P.O. Box 3432,
Maplewood, Mo.

Seattle Sobell Committee, 317 Second and
Cherry Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

Philadelphia Sobell Committee, 2708 W. Sterner
St., Philadelphia, Pa. Phone: Baldwin 9-2426.

Fresno Sobell Committee, 1418 E. Brown Ave.,
Fresno 4, Cal., Phone: Baldwin 7-5831.

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[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that the CSJMS was discussed by CP members [REDACTED] and one of the members present advised that one-half dozen Comrades were soliciting signatures to and donations for the Committee. (Re CP - see above).

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[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that a house party was held [REDACTED] in Brooklyn, New York, at which ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, acting as chairman, discussed her son's case and collected [REDACTED] donations for the Committee.

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NY T-16 advised during December, 1959, that on December 1, 1959 JEAN FRANTJIS of the Philadelphia Sobell Committee placed an advertisement in "The Worker" which stated that HELEN SOBELL would speak at a meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on December 12, 1959.

"The Worker" is an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

On page 4 of the December, 1959 issue of the "German American", a monthly newspaper, is an article entitled "Believe Sobell Innocent", which reports that Philosophers BERTRAND RUSSELL of England and MARTIN BUBER of Israel had written to the President of the United States asking for clemency for MORTON SOBELL.

A characterization of the "German American" may be found in the Appendix Section hereto.

A physical surveillance of "Thrift Shop", operated by personnel and friends of the Sobell Committee at 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City, by SAS of the FBI on January 12, 1960 reflected that the store operated at irregular hours.

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GERMAN AMERICAN

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "German American":

"German American"

- "1. Among publications which the committee found to be Communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 225)"

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NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian.":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. * * * Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia,' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
January 28, 1960

File Number
New York 100-107111

Re: Committee To Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell
Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act of 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
[REDACTED] dated and captioned as above, at New York. b7c

All informants utilized in the preparation of this
report have furnished reliable information in the past with
the exception of New York [REDACTED] New York [REDACTED] and New York
[REDACTED] who are characterized as being in a position to furnish
reliable information. b2

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nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property
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contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-412472)

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SAC, WFO (100-35291)

SARAH LICHTENBERG HAMMOND, aka
SM - C
(OO:WFO)

Rerep by SA [redacted] dated 12/3/59,
at Washington, D.C.; New York letter to Philadelphia dated
11/24/59, captioned "CSJMS, IS - C"; New York letter to
Philadelphia dated 12/10/59, captioned "NCSJMS, IS - C."

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The lead set forth for the Baltimore Division, as
mentioned in rerep, has been covered.

The above referenced New York letters reflected
the following information concerning a meeting of the
NCSJMS, [redacted] at 940 Broadway, New York City.

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[redacted] advised that one of the persons
attending was "SARA LNU, dark, short, very well-spoken."

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[redacted] advised that one of the persons
attending was "SARAH from Washington, D.C." [redacted]

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Enclosed herewith for the New York Office is a
copy of a photograph of SARAH HAMMOND which need not be
returned.

The New York Office is requested to ascertain if
[redacted] can identify the photograph of
SARAH HAMMOND as being identical with the person stated to
have attended the [redacted] NCSJMS meeting, as set forth
above.

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When the New York Office has covered the above lead, WFO will close this case administratively. Any pertinent information received from the New York Office will be included in the next annual report submitted on the subject.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MOLTON SOBELL
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(OO: NY)**

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- ③ - New York (100-10711) (RM)
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Concerning CLARENCE and HELEN GUREWITZ and JOSEPH and ETHEL WEICHBROD, the following is noted:

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[REDACTED] on 10/10/58, identified CLARENCE and HELEN GUREWITZ as CP members as of 10/6/58.

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On 2/23/55, an informant advised that during February, 1955, another CP member advised that JOSEPH and ETHEL WEICHBROD had admitted to him they were current CP members.

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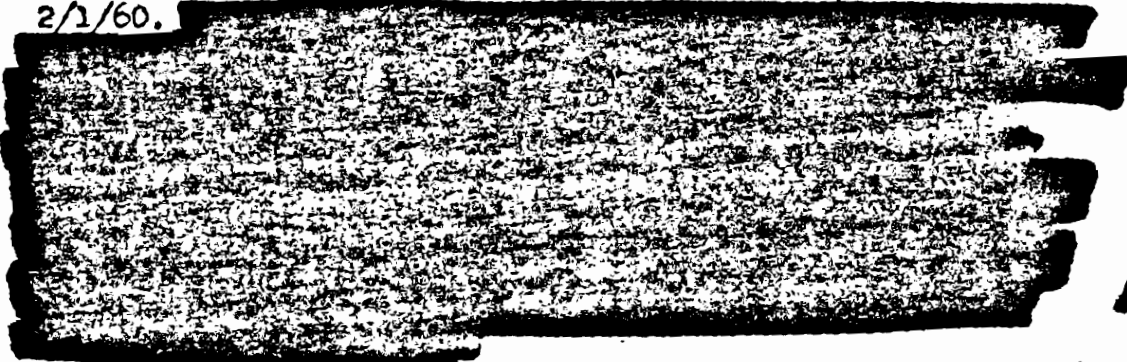
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-12292)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL;
IS - C
(OO: NY)

Re NY airtel, 1/13/60, concerning the future itinerary of HELEN SOBELL; and Bureau airtel, 1/18/60.

Miami has alerted established sources and logical confidential informants to determine the exact itinerary of HELEN SOBELL's scheduled visit to Miami, on or about 2/1/60.



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An extra close check of the newspaper and other press media in the Miami area, is being maintained for announcements concerning the SOBELL visit. In accordance with Bureau instructions, every acceptable opportunity

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will be exploited through Bureau contacts to counteract the work of the SOBELLs with legitimate civic organizations and clubs in the Miami area.

The Bureau and NY will be promptly advised of any concrete developments in this matter.

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TO : SAC, BOSTON (100-27290)
FROM : SA [redacted] (cc) NY 100-10711 (RM)
cc NEW HAVEN 100-14793 (RM)
SUBJECT : COMMUNIST TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Date Rec'd 1-17-60 Rec'd from (name or symbol number) [redacted] Rec'd by SA [redacted] b1

Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)
in person () by telephone () by mail (X) orally () recording device () written by informant

Orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date of Report

Date stated 1-17-60 to SA [redacted] 1-17-60

Transcribed Simultaneously Date(s) of activity
Authenticated Informant 1-17-60 1-15-60

Brief description of activity or material
Meeting for MORTON SOBELL at
Community Church Center
File where original is located if not attached [redacted] b1

Remarks: In view of the sensitivity of this informant, the utmost care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this information prior to dissemination, in order to protect the identity of the informant.

This informant has furnished reliable information in the past.

Informant's report, dated 1-17-60 follows:

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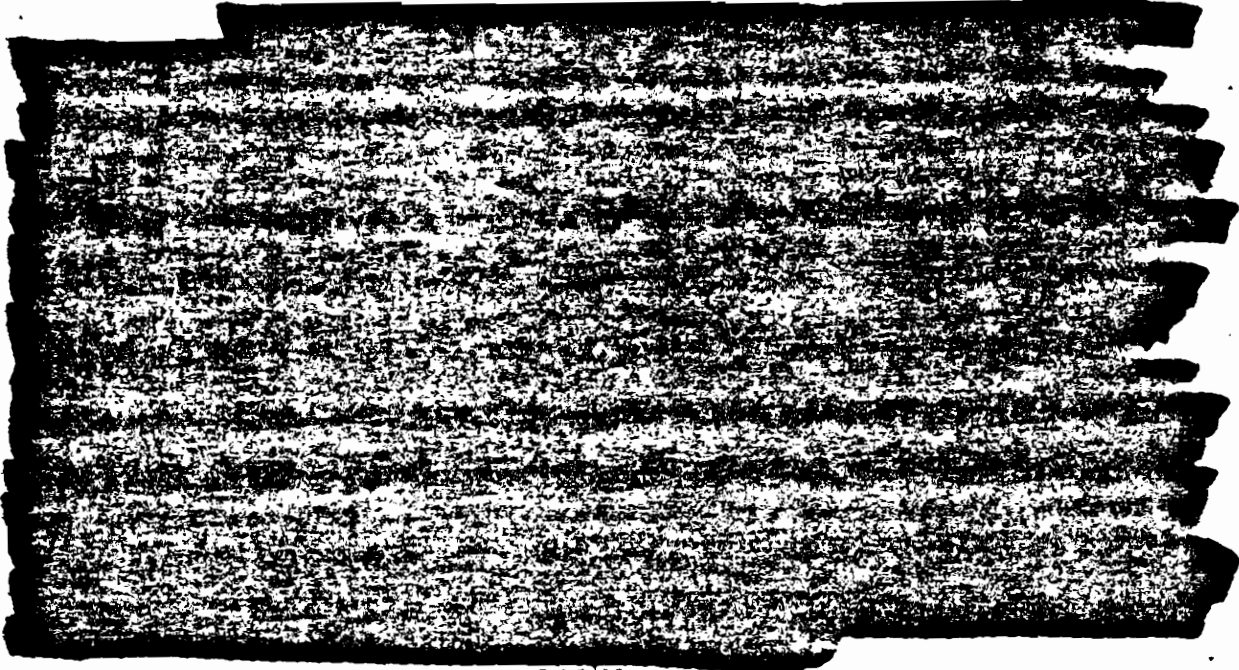
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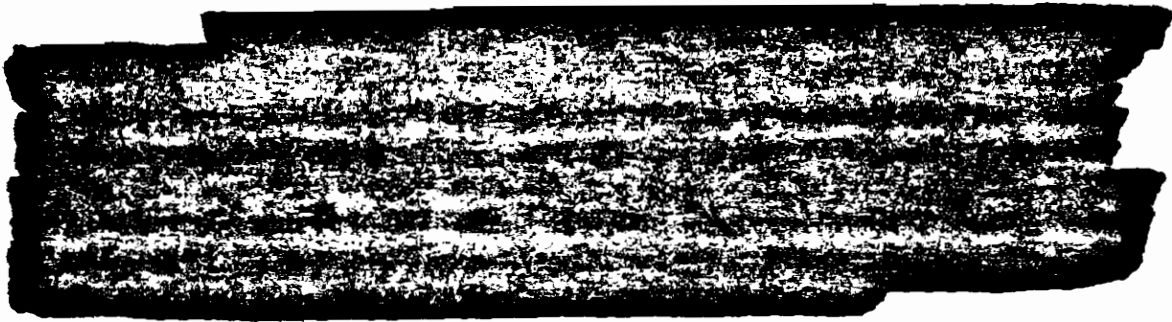
spoke

"Mrs. Morton Sobell/on the injustice to her husband, the Government offered her husband an opportunity to be a witness against the Rosenbergs and when he refused he was arrested. She said the Rosenbergs were not guilty and that Russia did not need the information about the Atomic Bomb as Russia was far ahead of the United States. She said they were all victims of the Cold War.

"As part of the entertainment Joe Buckman play-- the guitar which included Jewish Folk Songs.

"There was a dollar donation to get in the meeting and Mary Carlson gave the collection speech and no announcement was made of the amount that was obtained. Florence Luscomb was also present.

"There was a question and answer period and most of them were in connection with the release of Morton Sobell. Mrs. Sobell answered that her husband was a victim of McCarthyism and Cold War hysteria.



At the above reported meeting, a copy of a newspaper entitled "Today's Verdict in the case of Morton Sobell" July 1959, published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, was obtained.

On page 1, under the caption "New Developments in Case - New! Eminent Honorary Sponsors of Committee for Morton Sobell" was: a list of names which included the following: Rabbi S. J. Bass, Natick, Mass.; Waldo Frank, author, Truro, Mass., Russell Johnson, Petersham, Mass.

On Page 2 in a column entitled "We Address Ourselves to You, Mr. President" appeared an item in the nature of an appeal to President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, asking for a new trial for MORTON SOBELL. Under the subtitle of Ministers, appeared the name Rev. JOHN PAUL JONES, Ashfield, Mass., under Educators, the name of Prof. JAMES LUTHER ADAMS, Harvard, under Writers, the names WALDO FRANK, Truro, Mass., WILLIAM HARRISON, Editor, Boston Chronicle, Boston, Mass., Dr. SCOTT NEARING, author, Camp Rosier, Maine. Under "Other Eminent Signers was the name EMILY G. BALCH, Nobel Prize Winner, Wellesley, Mass.

On the back page was an article entitled: "Harvard Divinity Professor calls Sobell "Symbol of Christian's Concern for Justice." This is a report of the fact that Dr. Paul LEHMAN of Harvard Divinity School had written a statement on the SOBELL case for the "Intercollegian," a national student publication of the YNCA-YWCA.

The copy of "Today's Verdict" is being retained in the exhibit section of the Boston file on the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell - IS - C, BS 100-27290.

All necessary action concerning the above has been taken.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 2-4-60

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-25474)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C; ISA of 1950
(OO:NY)

"The Washington Post and Times Herald", daily newspaper published in Washington, D.C., in its edition of 1/22/60, page A 14 contained the following article under the section "Letters to the Editor":

"Plea for SOBELL

"As the mother of MORTON SOBELL, certain not only of my son's goodness but of his absolute innocence of any crime, I wish to thank the more than 700 clergymen of all faiths who have signed the appeal to President EISENHOWER, calling for a new trial or freedom for my son.

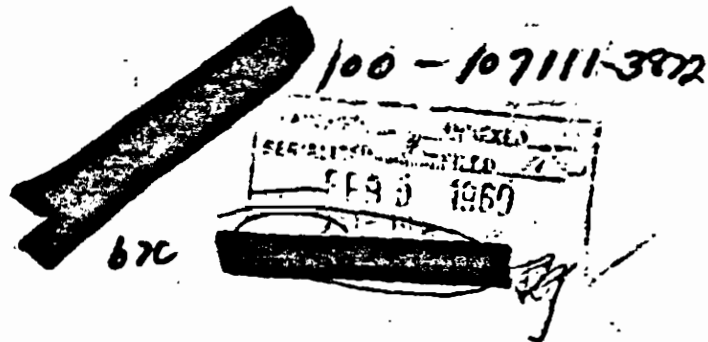
"The appeal was initiated by Rev. PETER MC CORMACK, former Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz, who became convinced of my son's innocence during the years he came to know my son very intimately, at Alcatraz.

"It is unthinkable that in our democratic America a man could be in his tenth year in prison on the vague and uncorroborated word of only one witness.

"And aren't ordinary doubts compounded when we realize that the trial took place midst Korean wartime hysteria, which was a time of great tensions, and that the testimony of this sole witness was never reviewed by any court in the land?

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" I am hopeful that our President, motivated by the same high ideals of justice and humanity which inspired these wonderful clergymen, will listen to their appeal and free my son, for those people who look into this case can't help but feel the grave injustice done to my son. If the public would only study the case and make its views known to the President, I am sure I'd see my son home again soon, restored to his family where he belongs. ROSE SOBELL, The Bronx, N.Y."

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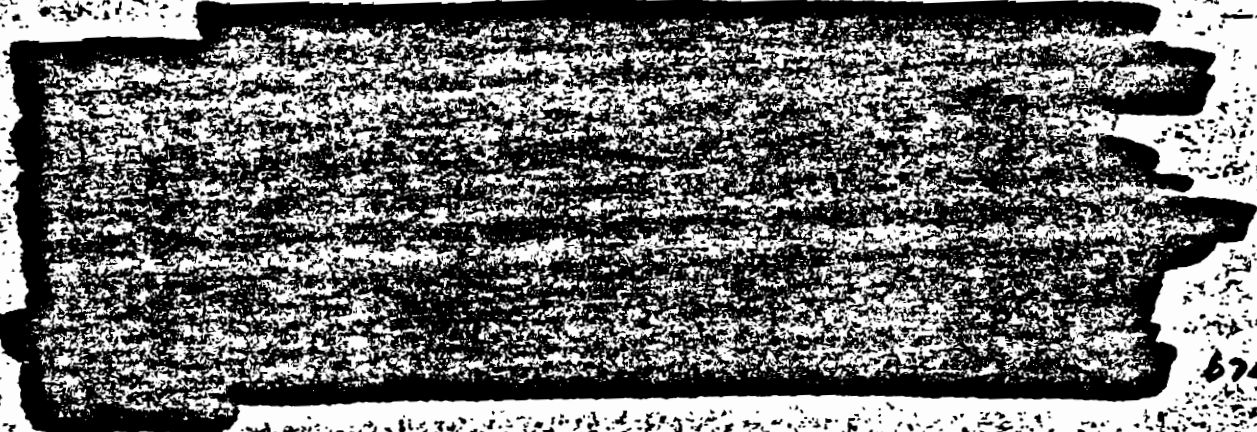
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-12292)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
IS - C

OO - New York

Re New York airtel to Director, 1-13-60,
concerning travel itinerary of HELEN SOBELL; Bureau airtel
to Miami, 1-18-60, and Miami airtel to Director, 1-29-60.



No press coverage has been noted in connection
with the SOBELL visit.

The Miami Office is closely following the visit
of ROSE SOBELL for an opportunity to counteract any success
she might obtain in appearances before legitimate civic

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- 2 - New York (AM) (RM) (100-107111)
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organizations in the Miami area. To date, there is no indication that she is scheduled for such visits.

New York is requested to promptly advise Miami of any additional information concerning the travel itinerary of HELEN SOBELL and ROSE SOBELL.

SAC, Boston (100-27290)

February 9, 1960

Director, FBI (100-387835)

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

Rerep SA [REDACTED] dated 1-25-60 concerning captioned matter, which transmitted a characterization concerning the Boston affiliate of captioned organization. b7c

The characterization as submitted is unacceptable as it has no information relating to the formation of the original Rosenberg group in the Boston area, and its gradual evolution to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. For completeness, the tracing of the organization's development is necessary. The data relating to certain Socialist Workers Party comments in 1958 is irrelevant and unnecessary to this characterization.

Therefore, submit an amended characterization following the outline set forth on page 64 of the FBI Handbook no later than 2-19-60.

The status of rerep should be "RUC" rather than closing and you should make the necessary changes in copies of this report retained in your office. For your additional guidance in the future, five copies of similar types of reports will suffice, per page 94 of the FBI Handbook. Form errors should be charged against personnel responsible for the preparation and approval of rerep.

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SAC, Atlanta

February 9, 1960

Director, FBI (100-387835)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re rep SA [redacted] dated 1-28-60,
concerning captioned matter, a copy of which was furnished
your office. b7c

Your attention is directed to page 12 of this report which discloses that a Sobell Committee was reportedly being formed in the Atlanta area. Previous information furnished by your office concerning this matter has been limited to data relating to Morton Sobell, and his present incarceration in Atlanta Penitentiary. Advise by return mail whether the files of your office indicate an active committee affiliated with the national organization has been formed in the Atlanta area. Furnish the Bureau in your communication with all data concerning this matter contained in your files, together with your recommendation whether an investigation concerning this group is deemed warranted pursuant to Section 87E of the Manual of Instructions.

① - New York (100-107111)

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BY [signature] ON 5/31/72

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